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In examining this matter I find that during the past seven or eight months the Department of Defense has only been processing voluntary applicants. At the present time there are some 350 of unsolicited applications on file which are being processed at the rate of four or five per month.

In light of the foregoing and in the case of applicant immigrants who are highly skilled and who could make a real contribution to our defense effort, I believe it essential that procedures developed in the interest of the welfare of the United States, including those of expeditiously effecting the necessary security checks by the Department

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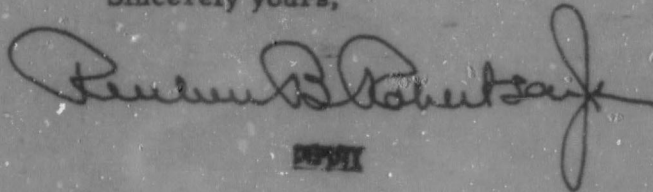
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of Defense, be continued. Further, I believe it essential to continue the close working relationship between the U.S. Consulates in Germany and USAREUR in order that those unsolicited applicant immigrants who are of particular interest to the Department of Defense may be processed in the most expeditious manner.

If these suggestions are acceptable from your point of view I believe they will solve the problem which Ambassador Conant refers to while, at the same time, giving effect to the intent of Congress expressed in the passage of the legislation referred to above.

Sincerely yours,


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The Honorable John Foster Dulles

The Secretary of State

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